



PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

Reducing Gun Violence through Aggressive Prosecution and Community Outreach



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Project Safe Neighborhoods is a major priority of President Bush and the Department of Justice. Its goal is to reduce gun violence and create safer communities by prosecuting weapons cases in federal court where serious sentences are available for prohibited persons found to be in possession of firearms or ammunition. The effectiveness of the project will be based upon the ability of federal, state and local agencies to cooperate in a united offensive to investigate, refer and prosecute weapons cases in federal court in Portland, Eugene and Medford. We are continuing to teach a one-hour course in conjunction with DPSST in order to familiarize all new recruits with PSN and are available to conduct in-service training with ATF at individual agencies. We hope you have an opportunity to look at our new Oregon PSN web site, which can be found at www.psnoregon.org. Our thanks to the DDA's and local law enforcement officers across the state who have referred these serious cases to ATF and the U.S. Attorney's office.

Significant Recent Case

Recently, the US District Court sentenced Brenda Hallanger to 123 months in federal prison on charges of Using or Carrying a Firearm in the Commission of a Drug Trafficking Offense (a 924(c) offense) and Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine. These convictions arise out an arrest made by Gresham Police in January 2003 at a Hampton Inn. Upon developing information that Hallanger was selling methamphetamine from a motel room, officers made contact with her and received consent to search a room. A .44 magnum handgun, 44 grams of methamphetamine and over \$15,000 in cash were seized. Hallanger admitted to dealing methamphetamine, a quarter-pound at a time, and that the gun was for her protection during that activity. * In addition to the sentence imposed, Hallanger forfeited \$15,266 in cash as part of her plea agreement. The case was referred from state court where she had rejected a 38 month plea offer. Gresham Police Officer Scott Hogan; SA Roland Jacobs, ATF, and AUSA Tom Edmonds.

* Tip

Training tip: This case made for a viable and provable 924(c) count, which carries a five year mandatory minimum sentence that must be served consecutively to any other sentence. The reason this was a viable case was because officers questioned Hallanger about why she possessed the gun and she admitted she was using or carrying it to protect her drug-selling activity. Federal law requires this specific intent, whereas under state law a drug crime can be aggravated for mere possession of firearm in connection with a drug offense without proof of the specific intent. Therefore, it is important for this inquiry to be made any time officers are investigating drug offenses that also include gun possession.



"Making America's Communities Safer"

PSN FY05 Funding Talking Points

Project Safe Neighborhoods is working to protect America from gun crime and it will continue to be a key Justice Department initiative in FY 05 and beyond

Project Safe Neighborhoods is working. Project Safe Neighborhoods' prosecution, prevention and deterrence efforts have helped fuel historic lows in gun crime across America, as well as a 30-year low in violent crime victimization rate. Since PSN's inception in 2001, law enforcement across America increased federal gun crime prosecutions by 76%. At the same time, the number of gun crimes has decreased by more than 250,000. This is an 18% reduction in the incidence of gun crime compares to the three years prior to Project Safe Neighborhoods.

Under this initiative the number of federal prosecutions has increased significantly each year. In FY04, 11,067 federal firearms cases were filed - the highest number of firearms cases filed since DOJ began keeping records.

Defendants charged with federal firearms offenses are being sentenced to significant jail time. In FY 2004, approximately 94% of defendants charged with federal firearms offenses were sentenced to some time in prison for convictions on firearms charges or other offenses. The average sentence for the 23 Oregon defendants listed on page 3 was over 50 months incarceration.

TRAINING

We presented our basic federal firearms course at DPSST on 8 occasions last year and will continue with that effort. Training was also provided to the NW Gang Investigators Association, PPB - Domestic Violence Reduction Unit, Multnomah County District Attorney's Office Domestic Violence Unit, OSP Academy and the Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors. Training at the Marion County District Attorney's office and the PPB - Detective Division is scheduled for later this month.

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Cases Opened

Clackamas County

Thomas Carrion
Jesus Cordova, Jr.
Jeffrey Loften

Linn County

Eryk Mykl
Michael Peterson

Ray Seamster III
Ryan Struckman
Angel Suarez-Silva
Carlos Trinidad
Bennie Washington

Coos County

Charles Carbaugh

Multnomah County

Alaric Bergeson
Jamie Carlston
Dwight Dew
Brian Ehlers
Daniel Golriz
Kenneth Hutsell
Jerry Johnson, Jr.
Shawn McGinnis
John McManus, Jr.
Towanda Perry

Umatilla County

John Schrock

Deschutes County

John Ptyor

Washington County

James Eckert
Mauricio Gonzalez-Tellez
Joseph Johnson
Jason Laureno
Jonathon Whang

Lincoln County

Christopher Loucks

Cases Closed

Clackamas Co.

Galen Ward 90 Mo

Lane Co

Douglas Bryant 70 mo

Michael Davis 57 mo

Tom Douglas 57 mo

Kevin Gatlin 37 mo

Brenda Hallenger 123 mo

David Johnson 37 mo

James Lowry 120 mo

Octavian Riley 63 mo

Kelly Sader 63 mo

Galen Ward 90 mo

Washington Co

Roberto Bravo-Ramirez

41 mo

Crystal Garrett

37 mo

Clatsop Co

Carlton Windsor 37 mo

Marion Co

Gary Adam 22 mo

Daniel Vetter 6 mo

Curtis Wilson 46 mo

Galen Ward 90 mo

Jackson Co.

Joshua Thickett 6 mo

Josephine Co

Charles Fletcher 77 mo

Multnomah Co

Bradley Bennett 40 mo

Ladarius Bolds 57 mo

Douglas Buchanan Prob

Umatilla Co

Jason Barthel 87 mo

Shawn Locati 15 mo

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